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PATENT APPLICATION



In re application of

Kaoru NARITA

Appln. No.: 09/421,273

Group Art Unit: 2823

Confirmation No.: (not yet assigned)

Examiner: J. Garcia

Filed: October 20, 1999

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING  
PROTECTION CIRCUIT IMPLEMENTED BY  
BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR FOR DISCHARGING  
STATIC CHARGE CURRENT AND PROCESS  
OF FABRICATION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

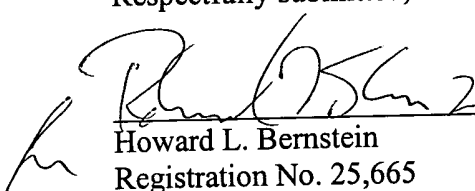
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2001, in which the Examiner has required a restriction, Applicant responds by electing Group I, *i.e.*, claims 1-15, drawn to a device. This election is made without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Prompt and favorable action on the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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